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1. BENIN'S COMPLAINT --

SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENCY (UK) INFORMED US BENIN FACT-FINDING MISSION ASKED TO HAVE UNTIL MARCH 8 TO PREPARE ITS REPORT TO THE SC. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 515)

2. REACTIONS TO UGANDAN ASSASSINATIONS --

REACTIONS AMONG AFRICANS AT UN TO MOST RECENT UGANDAN ATROCITIES HAS BEEN ONE OF SHOCK AND DISMAY. LIBERIAN REPRESENTATIVE ANGUISHED OVER WHY AFRICAN LEADERS HAVE NOT SPOKEN OUT AGAINST THESE BRUTALITIES. DEPUTY OAU OBSERVER SAID THAT WHILE OAU MEMBERS ARE "EMBARRASSED," HE FEELS US MEDIA ARE OVER-EMPHASIZING CASE WHILE NOT DEVOTING EQUAL ATTENTION TO SOUTH AFRICAN ATROCITIES. IRANIAN AMB HOVEYDA DISCLOSED THAT UGANDAN ACTING PERMREP IS APPEALING TO "FRIENDLY" MEMBERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION FOR THEIR "UNDERSTANDING." UGANDANS GAVE SYG COPY OF AMIN'S LETTER TO OAU WHICH REPORTEDLY INDICATES AMIN WOULD WELCOME ANY GOVERNMENT WISHING TO SEND A DELEGATION TO UGANDA "TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT HAS TAKEN CONFIDENTIAL

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PLACE." ACCORDING TO UN SPOKESMAN, SYG ASKED UGANDAN REPRESENTATIVE FOR CLARIFICATION OF EVENTS, AND UGANDANS REPORTEDLY PROMISED TO SEEK CLARIFICATION AND CHECK ON REPORTS TWO TRIBES HAVE BEEN LIQUIDATED IN UGANDA. UN SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT UK ASKED ITS DELEGATION IN GENEVA TO RAISE ISSUE AT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 512)

3. APARTHEID --

MAURITIUS PERM REP RAMPHUL COMMENTED THAT AFRICANS "HAVE DECIDED" TO MOVE AHEAD ON PLANS FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETINGS CONCERNING APARTHEID BEGINNING MARCH 21. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 516)

4. PAPUA NEW GUINEA RECONSIDERS VOTE ON GUAM --

PAPUA NEW GUINEA'S ACTING PERM REP OAISA VOLUNTEERED TO US THAT IN LIGHT OF GUAM LEGISLATURE'S RESOLUTION 383 (CIR-

CULATED BY UN SECRETARIAT AT USUN'S REQUEST) PAPUA NEW GUINEA
WOULD NOT AGAIN VOTE IN SUPPORT OF A UN GA RESOLUTION ON GUAM
OF THE SORT ADOPTED LAST DECEMBER. (THE GA RESOLUTION, AMONG
OTHER THINGS, DEPRECATED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY
INSTALLATIONS ON GUAM, AND THE GUAM LEGISLATURE'S RESOLUTION
SUPPORTED THE MILITARY PRESENCE AS "VITAL TO PROVIDING OPTIMUM
DEFENSE FOR ALL AMERICA INCLUDING GUAM" AND POINTED OUT THAT
"GUAM IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE US, GUAM RESIDENTS BEING
CITIZENS OF THE US BY THEIR OWN REQUEST SINCE 1950.")
(CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 514)

5. SOVIET NOTE ON TEST BAN NEGOTIATIONS --

SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED A NOTE VERBALE FROM THE SOVIET MISSION
CONCERNING THE 1976 SOVIET-SPONSORED RESOLUTION ON GENERAL
AND COMPLETE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON TESTS AS WELL
AS THE REVISED SOVIET DRAFT TREATY SUBMITTED AT THE GA LAST FALL.
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THE NOTE CONCLUDES WITH ASSERTION THAT THIS PROBLEM IS
"RIPE FOR SOLUTION" AND THAT IT WOULD "THEREFORE BE ADVISABLE
TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FORTHWITH ON THE CONCLUSION OF AN
APPROPRIATE TREATY WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF NON-NUCLEAR
WEAPON STATES." (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 511)

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6. UN RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE --

COMMITTEE'S INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP BEGAN CONSIDERATION FEB. 22 OF SECRETARIAT SUPPORT SERVICES. ALTHOUGH DETAILS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT, GROUP APPEARED TO AGREE ON BASICALLY THREE AREAS OF SECRETARIAT ACTIVITY: RESEARCH AND POLICY ANALYSIS (POSSIBLY INCLUDING PROGRAMMING); ONLY RESIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR GREATLY REDUCED OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES; AND TECHNICAL SERVICING OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES. WITH EXPLICIT G-77 SUPPORT, CONTACT GROUP AGREED TO LEAVE TO THE SYG THE DETAILS OF ORGANIZING THE SECRETARIAT TO SERVE THESE FUNCTIONS. DELEGATES FROM JAPAN, UK (FOR EC-9) AND USSR ALL AGREED THAT ISSUES OF PERSONNEL AND INFORMATION ACTIVITIES REACHED BEYOND COMMITTEE'S MANDATE, WHICH IS LIMITED TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UN. G-77 SPOKESMAN (PAKISTAN) AGREED AT LEAST TO CONSIDER THOSE ISSUES SEPARATELY. USDEL SUGGESTED THAT GREATLY REDUCED ESA OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES WOULD ALLOW IT TO RETURN TO ITS "QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE" IN PREPARING REPORTS AND IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 503)

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7. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL --

THE COUNCIL MET FIRST INFORMALLY AND THEN FORMALLY FEB. 23 AND PASSED BY CONSENSUS A RESOLUTION WHICH AMENDED ECOSOC RESOLUTION 1990(LX) TO (A) NOTE WITHDRAWAL OF GHANA'S OFFER TO HOST THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, AND (B) TO EXPAND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PREPARATORY SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE TO 23 MEMBER STATES OF THE UN (VICE ECOSOC). THE FRG, UK AND FRANCE OPPOSED OPENING THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP TO NON-ECOSOC MEMBERS. THE UK INDICATED IT WOULD RE-EXAMINE
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ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE PREPCOM, AND FRANCE NOTED THAT ARGUMENTS USED TO JUSTIFY THIS AMENDMENT COULD ALSO BE USED TO JUSTIFY AN EXPANSION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES. USDEL ASKED THAT ITS NON-PARTICIPATION BE NOTED. MILLS (JAMAICA) WAS ELECTED TO FILL THE VICE CHAIRMANSHIP VACATED BY RIVAS (COLOMBIA), AND THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT MILLS WILL CHAIR THE COUNCIL'S ECONOMIC COMMITTEE. (USUN 510)

8. OUTER SPACE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE --

SUBCOMMITTEE'S FEB. 22 MEETING CONFIRMED CONTINUING SHARP DIVERGENCE BETWEEN NONALIGNED PROPONENTS OF UN OUTER SPACE CONFERENCE, AND WESTERN/EE STATES PLUS NIGERIA WHICH FAVOR DEFERRAL OF ANY DECISION TO HOLD A CONFERENCE PENDING RESULTS OF CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS OTHER UPCOMING GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATELY-SPONSORED INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES. NONALIGNED GROUP INTRODUCED AN INFORMAL PAPER SUPPORTING SECRETARIAT SUGGESTION FOR OUTER SPACE CONFERENCE IN 1980, PROPOSING THAT TOPIC BE INCLUDED ON AGENDA OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE THIS JUNE, AND THAT IN 1978 THE SUBCOMMITTEE INCLUDE THIRD WEEK TO BEGIN PRELIMINARY WORK ON IT. CANADIANS INTRODUCED INFORMAL PAPER PROPOSING INSTEAD THAT SECRETARIAT UP-DATE ITS STUDY AND THAT MATTER BE DEFERRED UNTIL SUBCOMMITTEE'S 1978 SESSION. A DRAFTING GROUP, CHAIRED BY CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IS ATTEMPTING TO RECONCILE THE TWO POSITIONS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPROVED THE REPORT AND UN SPACE APPLICATIONS PROGRAM PROPOSED BY MURTHY, UN EXPERT ON SPACE APPLICATIONS, FOR 1977/78. THE USSR, US AND PAKISTAN SUGGESTED THAT THE SPACE APPLICATIONS PROGRAM BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE AREAS OTHER THAN REMOTE SENSING, BUT DID NOT MAKE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS.
(USUN 508)

9. COMMITTEE OF 24 SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES --

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AS THE SUBCOMMITTEE BEGAN CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION OF BERMUDA FEB. 23, DALTON (UK) STRESSED HMG'S POLICY OF RESPECTING THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF ITS DEPENDENT TERRITORIES FOR THEIR OWN FUTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION; IT WOULD NEITHER DELAY INDEPENDENCE FOR THOSE TERRITORIES WHICH WANTED IT NOR FORCE IT ON THOSE WHICH DID NOT. HE NOTED THAT IN THE JUNE, 1976, ELECTIONS THE PARTY WHICH HITHERTO HAD NOT FAVORED INDEPENDENCE WON, ALBEIT WITH A REDUCED MAJORITY. THE GOVERNMENT OF BERMUDA EXPECTED SOON TO ISSUE A CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT IN THE FORM OF A WHITE PAPER ON THE ADVANTAGES AND COSTS OF INDEPENDENCE AS AN INTRODUCTION TO A FULL PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES AND A DEBATE IN THE LEGISLATURE. DALTON REPORTED THAT ALL SUITABLE AND QUALIFIED BERMUDANS WHO REPLIED TO LOCAL ADVERTISING FOR RECRUITS FOR THE POLICE FORCE WERE ACCEPTED. HE DISAGREED WITH THE OPINION IN THE SECRETARIAT WORKING PAPER THAT THE FACILITIES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN BERMUDA WERE LIMITED. NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINANCING THE TWO HOSPITALS IN BERMUDA WOULD NOT PREJUDICE THE HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE POPULATION AT LARGE. HE SAID OVER HALF A MILLION TOURISTS HAD VISITED BERMUDA IN 1976, AND, IN OTHER AREAS, THE BERMUDA GOVERNMENT WAS ACTIVELY EXPLORING THE EXPANSION OF FISHERIES AND AGRICULTURE. KHALEF (IRAQ) ASKED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE "BERMUDANIZATION" OF THE POLICE FORCE AND THE STATUS OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, AND KOUAME (IVORY COAST) ASKED ABOUT THE UK ATTITUDE ON RECEIVING A UN VISITING MISSION. DALTON AGREED TO RESPOND IN A CLOSING STATEMENT TO ALL QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE DEBATE. (REPEATED INFO HAMILTON)

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